

Appleby Archaeology

Notes of the Committee Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group held on Thursday March 1st at Northgate Milburn.

Present

Phyl Rouston	Chair
Carol Dougherty	Membership Secretary
Mike Godfrey	Treasurer
Martin Joyce	Newsletter Editor
Martin Railton	Field Work/Research
Stephen Walker	
Richard Stevens	Secretary

Apologies

Tony Greenwood

Notes of the last meeting

The notes were agreed as a correct record.

1/2/12 Matters arising

5/9/12 Constitution	The new Constitution was approved by the membership at the AGM..
4/12/11 CLHF article	Martin R had provided a piece for the Bulletin which was published in the winter edition.
7/12/11 Email address	The administration email address redirecting enquiries from the website to the secretary is now fully functional.

2/2/12 Membership

Carol had received 59 renewals with 2 joint & 6 singles outstanding. The letter to non-renewed members would be sent out with the spring Newsletter. Martin J will email the letter to Richard for updating with new details.

3/2/12 Treasurer's Report

Mike tabled the accounts for the period 1st Jan. – 1st Mar. The balance on March 1st was £807.88 following the receipt of the majority of subscription renewals.

Phyl said that she was not sure if Ken Fairless (speaker in March) required a fee or not but that she would verify. There was a discussion on fees vs. mileage expenses for speakers but it was decided to keep the current arrangements & deal with each one individually.

Richard handed over £225 in cash & cheques which he had received from bookings for the field walking workshop. The required number had been reached & the workshop could go ahead.

4/12/12 Research 2012

Martin R explained that the North Pennines AONB had received notice that their funding application is approved, although details on the projects to be carried out still have to be finalised. Martin has briefed Paul Frodsham on further work at Brackenber Moor & also the possibilities for some field walking. There is also the continuing hope that the post excavation expenses for Brackenber 2011 will be included. Any Group

fieldwork resulting from the Altogether Archaeology Project will probably not take place until later in 2012.

Martin also said that through a recommendation from Annie Hamilton-Gibney, he had approached a PhD student at UCLAN, Samantha Walsh, whose speciality was osteoarchaeology. Samantha has agreed to examine the bone from the Bronze Age burial at Brackenber and produce a report which she is happy for us to publish.

Next, Martin told the committee that his article on the Druidical Judgement Seat had been completed & sent to the CWAAS and that it would probably appear in the next edition of the Transactions.

Martin's research feedback form would be sent out with the spring Newsletter and the responses will be collated to see how the membership views future work in this area.

Finally Martin said that he had been approached by CBA regarding the 2012 Festival of British Archaeology & that he would consider the possibility of including some Group activity.

5/2/12 Correspondence

The following correspondence has been received:-

Letter from the Friends of Nine Standards, Richard will reply to Dawn Robertson.

Richard had received emails from various organisations – in future he will use his discretion as to whether or not they have any relevance to the activities or interests of the Group.

Phyl said that she had spoken to Vivien Gates concerning a joint project with the Appleby in Westmorland Society & was due to meet with her to discuss the matter.

6/2/12 Future programme

Three winter speakers were now confirmed, all for 2013;

Dot Boughton (PAS)	February 12 th	The Viking Hoard at Silverdale
Blaise Vyner	March 12 th	Prehistoric Pottery of Fylingdales Moor
Fraser Brown (Oxford Arch North)	April 9 th	The Carlisle Northern Distributor Road

Richard said that he had been unable to find a speaker on Cumbrian airfield archaeology.

Various suggestions were made regarding remaining speakers for the Winter season, including Samantha Walsh on human bone, possibly to include her findings on the Brackenber samples (UCLAN, **Martin R**); Alastair Robertson on Whitley Castle following the recent EH investigations (**Richard**) & Don O'Meara on Medieval drainage & cess pits (NPA, **Martin R**). Other speakers & subjects were deferred whilst these were confirmed & if necessary these could be held over until next year. These were: Stone Walls (Ingleborough Archaeology, Carol); Holme Cultram history (Richard) & Prehistory of the Central Fells by Pete Styles. (UCLAN, Phyl)

Concerning the summer programme, Carol will confirm the date of the day trip to Hornby Castle. Richard said that if this were to be a trip using a hired minibus/coach, there would need to be sufficient time to allow bookings to be confirmed prior to the trip itself, as for Furness.

Stephen agreed to lead an evening walk in Mallerstang to look at some interesting lumps & bumps, whilst Phyl suggested that it might be a good idea to ask Tony to lead another evening walk to Ninekirks, since the previous jaunt a few years ago was excellent, despite being attended by very few members. Phyl will contact Tony.

7/2/12 AOB

Field walking workshop - Phyl called attention to the restricted car parking area at Brampton village hall & said that 3 cars could park at the White House to ease the situation on March 31st. She also asked about tea, coffee & biscuits for the morning session & it was decided to purchase same. (**Phyl**)

Phyl said that since Liz Hawkins had written saying she would not renew this year, she felt that she should write to her thanking her for all her help & interest in the past. All agreed.

Martin R raised the matter of increases in postage costs, particularly since the cost of 2nd class stamps would be increased by a considerable amount later this year. He suggested investing in a stock of stamps to defray costs. Richard suggested emailing the Newsletter to members who agreed to receive it that way but others thought that this would involve a disconnection with the membership and it was decided to continue with the current methods of distribution. It was decided to spend £50 on a stock of stamps. (**Mike?**)

Phyl mentioned she had been contacted by Annie Hamilton-Gibney concerning an error in the Herald article on her talk. Phyl had explained that the articles for the Herald were not considered as academic pieces but that she had accepted that there had been an error and that it would be corrected for the publication of the talk in the Newsletter & on the website. This had been accepted.

Martin J suggested that we could request the use of photographs used by speakers in the illustration of their talks. Richard agreed to contact Liz Stannard at the Herald to see if they would consider using photographs to accompany the articles. It was also decided to add a paragraph to the confirmation letter to speakers asking if they would be prepared to allow such use. (**Richard**)

Richard said that he greatly appreciated the sharing between committee members of the task of writing up the talks but that he was concerned that if all articles were sent to the Herald individually, it was possible that the odd one might go astray. It was therefore decided that irrespective of who wrote up the talk, the copy should be sent to Richard for onward submission to the Herald. He could then forward copy to Martin J for the Newsletter & website. Carol agreed to write up the Rock Art & Richard agreed to write up Paul Frodsham's talk. (**All**)

Carol noted that the date given in the Newsletter for the April meeting was incorrect. Phyl said that she would announce the correct date at the March meeting.

Richard raised the subject of the increasing age profile of the membership & suggested that we were not reaching younger people effectively. This is apparent not only because we have no younger members but also because when we do have younger visitors at the meetings, they invariably return only once or twice & do not take out membership. After some discussion, Martin R said he would update his Face book page with App Arch news & photographs, e.g. of our ongoing work & then link to other pages, including any which featured Appleby itself. It was thought that this might increase the Group's profile online & attract the interest of younger people. Richard said that he would contact the CBA Community Archaeology Officer to ask for any assistance that they might be able to give regarding local YAC members or approaching local schools. (**Martin R, Richard**)

Date and Time of next meeting **Thursday May 31st, 7.30pm** at Swindalehead Barn, N. Stainmore.

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Secretary's note: Further speakers confirmed:	Samantha Walsh	9 th October 2012
	Don O'Meara	13 th November 2012
	Alastair Robertson	11 th December 2012